

Quarterly Teleconference for Florida Phase I MS4s

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Meeting Minutes

The next quarterly teleconference is scheduled for:

- March 2, 2022
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Welcome & Introductions – Borja Crane-Amores

Program Name Change - Stormwater and Technical Services

New staff includes Anna Lomasney, Phase I Coordinator, Jason Maron promoted to a Phase I MS4 Coordinator, and Alex Weeks, Phase II MS4 Coordinator.

New Bacteria TMDL Approach – Ken Weaver, Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration, Program Administrator

Ansel Bubel: Administrator of TMDL section presenting Proposed Bacteria TMDL Approach, a review of plans to develop TMDLs for bacteria impairments across the state. Designated Use Class I – III, Enterococci (Class I and III marine), E. coli (Class I and III Fresh) and Fecal Coliform (Class II).

Typical approach is to use the Hazen 90th percentile reduction. For bacteria, we will use consolidated approach on a two-year schedule (even years), standardizing using a simple approach for more regulatory certainty. There will be a clear and predictable process for TMDL development with a known schedule.

A pilot project will be conducted this fall on the Everglades West Coast basin with Biennial Assessment in mid-2022 and 2023 will be first consolidated bacteria TMDL. Permittees will follow TMDL prioritization guidelines in the MS4 NPDES Permit, developing bacteria pollution control plans and working with local stakeholders to address bacteria transported by SW infrastructure.

For existing WWTF, continue to meet discharge permit limits based on the bacteriological criteria and maintain infrastructure to prevent SSOs.

Q/A

Michelle Bull: Can you talk about single event violations and adequate sample number (Monthly geometric mean and 10% threshold)?

Ansel Bubel: TMDL only proceeds on waters verified as category 5

Kevin ODonnell: Five to ten samples required per month, but majority are only doing 1 per month or even quarterly.

Kenneth Weaver: delisting is still underway. Ten percent threshold is expressed as single sample maximum, but this data isn't analyzed for the TMDL.

Dana Morton, Escambia County: clarity needed on the 10% or more in any 30-day period from the assessment perspective.

Kevin ODonnell – standards clarification. TMDLs that are addressing TMDLs on verified list 5 exceedances out of 20 samples in impaired water rule.

Kenneth Weaver: We are looking at the assessment period for 10% to allow for enough data as a reasonable approach. Otherwise, would be assessing against highest 30-day period.

FY 21/22 Audit Schedule – Borja Crane-Amores

List of tentative permittees and respective coordinators will be provided with meeting minutes. Michelle Bull is taking on a managerial position and will manage all Florida Department of Transportation and Turnpike Enterprise permits. Some of the Phase I permittees will have new coordinators. Coordinators are also listed on the DEP webpage.

Surveillance invoices will be sent out the first week of December. DEP Staff may reach out to ensure we have updated information.

Cycle 5 Updates – Matt Irwin

We are approximately half-way through our internal review and subsequent updates/revisions to the draft language for the Cycle 5 permit. We anticipate completing the process in January/February. We are looking to have a Teams meeting with the working group, once complete, to review the draft language; more to follow. And to reiterate, this draft is independent of the reissuance process for your individual permits; each will go through the draft issuance, public notice, and comment period, as in previous cycles.

If anyone wants to be added to the group, reach out to Matt. If permittee has timely submitted Year 4 re-application, and depending on the Cycle 5 process, that could influence year 6 annual report submittal.

Chapter 2021-167: Prohibition of Code Inspectors Investigating Anonymous Complaints – Open Discussion – Jason Maron <http://laws.flrules.org/2021/167>

Effective July 1, 2021, municipalities are not able to investigate anonymous complaints. This is an open discussion.

Joe Thames, Pinellas County (PC): There is a stipulation in new law that if it is a threat of the environment, they can circumvent the anonymous complaint process.

Michelle Bull: Are enforcement actions affected by illicit discharges discovered through anonymous complaints?

Joe Thames, PC: No issues as of yet and we continue to pursue enforcement.

Terry Carr, City of Jacksonville (COJ): Look at imminent threats and allowed to continue to look for illicit discharges.

GIS Inventory Update – Borja Crane-Amores

Most GIS Phase I major outfalls have been added to the Department geodatabase. The Program is in negotiations for a contract to continue with Phase II MS4 outfalls as well as incorporating other structures such as wet/dry ponds. FDOT, we acknowledge has their own system, and we will be working with them to ensure accurate transfer of data.

Michelle Bull: Within next 3 months we will reach out if there are questions on data. DEP is working in-house so that permittees will be able to verify the data in statewide database rather than submit outfall data in Year 1 of Cycle 5.

Terry Carr, COJ: What's the intent of access for the database. Is it for DEP use only or will each permittee have access to only their service areas, or will it be available for public access? Security concerns have been addressed regarding public knowledge on knowing the location of larger structures.

Borja: The intent is to understand the MS4 structures to address water quality issues. Original intent is for DEP use, but we need to have conversation with OGC to see what information would be transparent to the public.

Terry Carr, COJ: Would the permittees have the opportunity to weigh in? For example, pipe large enough to crawl into and get into a stadium.

Michelle: Currently all inventories submitted by permittees are part of public record.

Secure FTP Site – Jason Maron

Since March we have moved away from the FTP Site and are using a Secure FTP site. The primary use has been for audit documentation submittals. But if there are any annual report submittals that are too large for an e-mail you can request your coordinator to set up a Secure FTP site. The coordinator will send you a link and password to the site. Once logged in you can then upload any documentation you want to submit. Once uploaded, please notify your coordinator.

General Updates – Borja Crane-Amores

Q & A / Open Discussion

Anne Capelli (Mock Ross): Fellow Phase I Permittees, we would like to know if any other MS4 owners have had water bodies that make up, or are part of, their MS4 evaluated under the state's WQAP. We request that you reach out to us via email at ann.capelli@mockroos.com.

Chris Hendren: Was this meeting recorded and will it be made available?

Borja Crane-Amores: Meeting minutes will be sent out within a week or two.

Brent Wipf: Requested to speak with Matt Irwin following the meeting.

List of permittees required to be audited by September 30, 2022

*not inclusive of all audits that will be conducted

Broward County Co-permittees

(Vacant Position)

Coconut Creek
Coral Springs
Deerfield Beach
Hallandale Beach
Lauderdale by the Sea
Weston
Wilton Manors

Palm Beach County Co-permittees (Matt)

Atlantis
Belle Glade
Greenacres
Jupiter
Lake Worth
Manalapan
Mangonia Park
South Bay

Miami-Dade County (Jason Maron)

Coral Gables
Cutler Bay
Doral
Hialeah Gardens
Homestead
Key Biscayne
Medley
Miami Lakes
Miami Shores
Miami Springs
Miami-Dade Expressway Authority
South Miami
Sunny Isles Beach
Surfside
Virginia Gardens
West Miami

Pinellas County Co-permittees (Matt)

Madeira Beach
North Redington Beach
Oldsmar
Safety Harbor

FDOT (Michelle)

District 2, Jacksonville
District 6, Miami-Dade

Permit #	Permit	MS4 Coordinator
FLS000002	City of Miami	Jason Maron
FLS000003	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	Jason Maron
FLS000004	SARASOTA COUNTY	Jason Maron
FLS000005	PINELLAS COUNTY	Matt Irwin
FLS000006	HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY	Anna Lomasney
FLS000007	City of St. Petersburg	Matt Irwin
FLS000008	City of Tampa	Anna Lomasney
FLS000009	City of Temple Terrace	Anna Lomasney
FLS000010	Reedy Creek Improvement District	Jason Maron
FLS000011	ORANGE COUNTY	Jason Maron
FLS000012	City of Jacksonville	Matt Irwin
FLS000013	City of Jacksonville Beach	Matt Irwin
FLS000014	City of Orlando	Jason Maron
FLS000015	POLK COUNTY	Anna Lomasney
FLS000016	BROWARD COUNTY	Anna Lomasney
FLS000017	City of Ft. Lauderdale	Anna Lomasney
FLS000018	PALM BEACH COUNTY	Matt Irwin
FLS000019	ESCAMBIA COUNTY	Matt Irwin
FLS000020	City of Hollywood	Anna Lomasney
FLS000023	City of Hialeah	Jason Maron
FLS000032	PASCO COUNTY	Jason Maron
FLS000033	LEON COUNTY	Matt Irwin
FLS000034	City of Tallahassee	Matt Irwin
FLS000035	LEE COUNTY	Anna Lomasney
FLS000036	MANATEE COUNTY	Jason Maron
FLS000037	City of Bradenton	Jason Maron
FLS000038	SEMINOLE COUNTY	Jason Maron
	FDOT	Michelle Bull